NOTIFICATION.

No. J. 2916—*Leg.* 47 *of* 06, *dated* 20*th March* 1907.

His Highness the Maharaja considers that the time has arrived for associating with his Government in the task of legislation a certain number of official and non-official gentlemen qualified by practical experience and knowledge of local conditions and requirements to assist in the making of laws and regulations, and that it is desirable to form a Legislative Council, comprising both official and non-official elements, so as to secure to measures proposed the benefit of discussion by a number of qualified men and from different standpoints. The introduction of any such institution is not, it may be remarked, intended in any way to affect or diminish the responsibility which, in legislation as in all other matters connected with the administration of the State, rests ultimately with His Highness himself; but solely to enable His Highness and his Government to ascertain correctly the wants, wishes and feelings of the people, and to ensure that the laws enacted by him as the Ruler of the State are in all respects well adapted to serve the ends in view. The publicity under which the discussions will ordinarily be carried on, and the facility afforded for the detailed consideration of every measure in a Select Committee, which is one of the features of a regularly constituted Legislative Council, are additional reasons for anticipating much practical good from such an institution.

His Highness the Maharaja has for these reasons been pleased to enact the accompanying Regulation to establish a Council for making Laws and Regulations in Mysore.

2. Under this Regulation, which will come into force on the expiry of three months from the date of its first publication, the Legislative Council will consist of the Dewan as President, the two Councillors as *ex officio* members, and not less than ten or more than fifteen additional members to be nominated by Government and holding office for a period of two years at a time. Not less than two-fifths of such additional members will be non-officials, and provision has been made for defining the conditions under which all or any of the non-official members are to be selected prior to nomination by Government. For the present, the number of additional members has been fixed at ten, and all nominations will be in the hands of Government, the question of allowing local bodies the privilege of submitting recommendations being considered later on when sufficient experience has been gained. The names of the additional members appointed will be notified separately.

3. While it is the function of the Legislative Council itself to make such rules as it may, from time to time, find necessary to regulate the conduct of its business, it is thought convenient to set out a few rules on the subject in a schedule to the Regulation, both as an example of what such rules are intended to provide for, and as likely to be sufficient in themselves for all practical purposes in the early days of a new Council, till it feels the necessity for adding to or altering them. The right of disallowing all or any of the rules made by the Council is reserved to the Government; but will, of course, only be exercised in the rare cases in which a rule made is likely to be prejudicial to the efficient, harmonious or speedy transaction of business.

4. The business to be transacted at meetings will be confined to the "consideration and passing" of measures introduced therein. The "enactment" of every

measure rests with His Highness the Maharaja and is constituted by the act of according his assent thereto. The proviso to section 12 excludes from the consideration of the Council a class of cases which all involve imperial relations, as also any other matters which may be specially reserved by His Highness the Maharaja for consideration by the Government. In all such cases it will be competent to Government to frame the necessary Regulations by means of the power reserved by section 14, and submit the same to His Highness the Maharaja for assent.

5. Special provision is made in section 15 for the passing of measures which, while not outside the jurisdiction of the Legislative Council, are yet so emergently required that the regular course of introduction, consideration and passing thereof in the Council is likely to entail serious delay or is otherwise inexpedient. Such Regulations, however, are not intended to be operative for more than six months; their further extension beyond that period being a matter dependent on the measures being formally placed before the Council in the regular course.

By Order,
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